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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issues — 23 November 2004: "Sport 2005" stamp and 2004 annual collection folders**

Commemorative stamp

1. On Tuesday, 23 November 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA), the Swiss Post and the International Olympic Committee will collectively issue a stamp, on the theme "Sport 2005". The single F.s. 1,80 stamp was designed by Roland Hirter (Switzerland).

(United States equivalent: F.s. 1,80: $1.44, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

2. In its resolution 58/5, the General Assembly proclaimed 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education. Further, in its resolution 58/6, the Assembly called upon Member States to cooperate with the International Olympic Committee in its effort to use the Olympic Truce as an instrument to promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation in areas of conflict during and beyond the Olympic Games period.

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2004 annual collection folders

3. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2004 will also be released on 23 November. It should be noted that the 2004 Endangered Species Series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate album previously issued in January 2004.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled Geneva first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain all the new issue items on Tuesday, 23 November at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.